1	2	3
	7. Manika	
13. Sahebganj	1. Barhai	74
	2. Barharwa	
	3. Pathna	
	4. Rajmahal	
	5. Sahebgan	
	6.Taljhari	
14. Pakur	1. Amrapara	
	2. Hiranpur	
	3. Littipara	
	4. Maheshpur	
	5. Pakur	
	6. Pakuria	
Total 14 districts	100 block	655

NOTE: The average size of a project is 500 hectares.

Blocks where EAS have not been launched

1784. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blocks where Employment Assurance Scheme has not been launched till date;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the main features of EAS; and

(d) the details of wage hours created under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Employment Assurance Scheme is being implemented in all the rural blocks of the country excepting Delhi and Chandigarh.

(c) The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is being implemented to create additional wage employment opportunities during the period of acute shortage of wage employment for the rural poor living Below Poverty Line (BPL). 70% of the funds under the Scheme are utilized at the Panchayat Samiti level and 30% at the Zila Parishad level. The programme is being implemented through the Zila Parishad/DRDA. No work can be taken up under the programme unless it forms part of the Annual Action Plan.

(d) Creation of wage employment is monitored in term of mandays only. Under the scheme, 24696.78 lakh mandays have been generated from its inception till 31.3.2001.

Representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in services *vis-a-vis* prescribed quota

1785. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in Group A and Group B categories of Services has not reached 49.5 per cent quota prescribed for in his Ministry;

(b) if so, total number of Class I and Class II category of posts under all PSUs/autonomous organizations under Ministry of Rural Development; and

(c) the number of persons belonging to (i) General, (ii) SC, (iii) ST and (iv) OBCs working against them and their percentage as ascertained under para 5 of DoPT O.M. No. 36012/2/96-Estt. (Res.) dated, 2nd July, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Quantum of food released under Food for Work Programme

1786. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of food released under the Food for Work Programme during this financial year, the State-wise figures thereof;

(b) the tribal block/districts covered by the Food for Work Programme; and

(c) whether the Food for Work Programme covers only pepole under poverty line and if so, the number of families below poverty line benefited by this programme in this financial year?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) A total of 25.13 lakh tonnes of foodgrains has been allocated during this financial year under the Food for Work Programme to 228 districts including tribal blocks/districts of 10 States. The State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below).